# **DART Cherry Program Scheduling and Transport**

The DART Cherry website is designed to assist Probation/Parole Officers with information and guidelines that will enable officers to make decisions about whether an offender may or may not be appropriate for the DART Cherry program. The information provided will also assist the officer in giving an overview of the program to an offender and responding to their questions. When there is a question regarding an offender's appropriateness for assignment to the DART Cherry facility, DART Cherry encourages Probation/Parole Officers to contact the facility prior to transport so that staff may assist you in making this decision. Offenders that are determined to be inappropriate for treatment after arrival at the facility must be discharged.

## **Program Goals:**

- To assist offenders in achieving abstinence from drugs and alcohol;
- To begin recovery with dignity;
- To regain and maintain self-respect and self-worth;
- To introduce offenders to self help support;
- To offer family members and friends the opportunity to visit when approved by staff; and
- To establish an individual Aftercare Plan for each offender prior to discharge.

## **Program Scheduling:**

- Ensure that the individual meets the DART Cherry <u>Eligibility and Criteria Guidelines</u> (see Web Page).
- Check for use of unacceptable medications.
- Follow "Intake Procedure" in <u>Chapter I Section .0306</u> of the <u>Community Corrections Policy and Procedure Manual</u> prior to scheduling.
- If the offender meets the eligibility guidelines, call the DART Cherry facility to schedule the offender for admission. Facility phone #: (919) 731-7930

### **Program Transport and Staff Safety:**

In order to ensure the safety of staff during transport and later at the DART Cherry facility, the Probation/Parole Officer, on the day of the DART Cherry pick-up, should follow "Intake Procedure" in Chapter I Section .0306 of the Community Corrections Policy and Procedure Manual:

- Search the offender and their luggage;
- Urine test the offender; and
- Deliver the required paperwork to the DART Cherry transport driver.

### **Program Completion Ceremonies:**

Completion ceremonies are always inspirational not only to the offender graduating but to family members and other staff from Community Corrections. DART Cherry encourages Probation/Parole Officers to attend. Don't wait, however, for a completion ceremony to visit. Schedule a time for your unit to come and tour. We look forward to seeing you there!